



Atlantic Billfish Recreational Landings Update 3rd Quarter 2013 Fishing Year November 1, 2013

The table below provides preliminary landings in numbers of fish for Atlantic blue and white marlin, roundscale spearfish, and western Atlantic sailfish for the 2013 fishing year through **September 30, 2013**. Landings are compiled using self-reported angler reports from the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Non-Tournament Recreational Swordfish and Billfish Landings Database, tournament landings from the Recreational Billfish Survey (RBS), catch card reports from North Carolina and Maryland, and individual billfish intercepted by the Large Pelagic Survey (LPS) and Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP). Please note that estimates are subject to late reporting. As specified in § 635.27(d) (1), the recreational billfish fishery is limited to a maximum of 250 Atlantic blue and white marlin landings, combined, per year. Effective January 2011, annual landings of roundscale spearfish are also included the 250 marlin count.

	2012	2013	
	Landings	Landings to Date	Remaining Landings Limit
	ATLANTIC BLUE MARLIN, WHITE MARLIN, AND ROUNDSCALE SPEARFISH		
Atlantic Blue Marlin	63	46	-
Atlantic White Marlin	30	31	-
Roundscale Spearfish	4	1	-
Total	97	78	172 (of 250)
Western Atlantic Sailfish [*]	WESTERN ATLANTIC SAILFISH		
	184	112	-

^{*} Western Atlantic sailfish are not included in the 250 fish landings limit for Atlantic blue and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic billfish fishery interests to keep you informed about the fishery. Official notice of federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. To view catch statistics from previous months, please visit <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/> or contact Randy Blankinship at (727) 824-5399.

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